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SUBJ: FOREIGN FIRMS WITH U.S. SUBSIDIARIES- AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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PASS AGRICULTURE FROM AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

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1. EMBASSY AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL SECTIONS HAVE
NO REPEAT NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY BELGIAN FIRM IN THE AGRICULTURAL
SECTOR WHICH HAVE SUBSIDIARIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. USDOC PUBLICATION" FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTORS IN THE UNITED
STATES, LIST OF FOREIGN FIRMS WITH SOME INTERST/CONTROL IN
AMERICAN MANUFACTURING AND PETROLEUM COMPANIES IN THE UNITED
STATES," OCTOBER 1973 LISTS ON PAGE 2 BUNGE CORP AS U.S.
SUBSIDIARY OF BUNGE GROUP OF BELGIUM . DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF
BUNGE GRAIN TRADING AT ANTWERP INDICATES THAT BUNGE U.S. IS
NOT SUBSIDIARY OF OTHER BUNGE COMPANIES BUT ONE OF FOUR MAJOR
CO-EQUAL BUNGE COMPANIES BASED ON NEW YORK(COVERING NORTH
AMERICA), BUENOS AIRES(SOUTH AMERICA), LONDON(FORMER
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH) AND ANTWERP(REMAINDER OF WORLD). FOUR
COMPANIES EACH OWNED BY BUNGE FAMILY/INTERSTS AND OPERATE
COOPERATIVELY, I.E. NEW YORK ARRANGES SHIPPING FOR ENTIRE GROUP.
DIRECTOR BELIEVES SOYBEAN OIL PROCESSING PLANT IN LOUISIANA
(PAGE2 ABOVE REFERENCE) IS OWNED BY BUNGE U.S.A.

3. THE GODIVE CHOCOLATIER IS BELGIAN COMPANY WHICH NOW
MANUFACTURES CHOCOLATES IN U.S. HOWEVER, THIS COMPANY IN WHICH
CAMPBELL SOUP. CO. HAD INTERST FOR MANY YEARS NOW COMPLETELY
OWNED BY CAMPBELL SOUP CO. SINCE JANUARY 1,1974(U.S. ADDRESS

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